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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twelfth session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association met with Meadow Creek Church, Stanly county, North Carolina, on Friday, September 15, 1944 and continued Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th.

After engaging in songs of praise, continued with prayer by Elder W. H. Oaks, of Dry Fork, Va., followed with introductory sermon by Elder O. C. Mullis, pastor of Meadow Creek Church.

After one hour for refreshments the Association met in the house and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder V. H. Hooks, of Lexsy, Georgia, Messengers and Brethren proceeded to business in the following order:

Elder O. C. Mullis, pastor of Meadow Creek Church, served as Moderator and caller Elder C. M. Mills to assist him. Brother R. M. Hatley, Clerk of Meadow Creek church, served as Clerk and called Brothren Preston Helms as Assistant Clerk, Robert Horne and Elder V. V. Willard as Reading Clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptist who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Meadow Creek church represented by entire membership.

Watson: Brethren Preston Helms, E. V. Baucom, J. Troy Simpson and David Helms.

High Hill: Brethren H. F. Austin, M. C. Mills, Earl Presley and A. Z. Mills.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren A. E. Broom, Claude Mills, C. W. Griffin and J. M. Williams.

Union Grove: Brethren W. S. Medlin, F. P. Deese, G. C. Baucom and Brice Baucom.

Liberty Hill: Brethren F. L. Honeycutt, Craven Furr, John Harwood, Hobert Medlin.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Willie Soloman, Cicero Taylor, Virgil Solomon and George Hope.

Union: Brethren Guy Johnson, T. B. Polk, W. R. Coley and R. M. Barnhill.

Bethel: Brethren W. T. Bell, W. J. McLamb, R. O. Lewis and others.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Alphens Auman, L. S. Arrington, Rankin Richardson and W. E. Lucus.

Lawyers Springs: Brethren Robert Horne, Cletus Marsh, P. A. Griffin and Charlie Edwards.

High Point: Brethren Gilmer Mitchell, L. E. Morefield, John Sharp and Brooklyn Willard.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

A letter from Mills Chapel Church, Kannapolis, N. C., borne by Brethren F. L. Nance and C. J. Mullis, was presented to the Association and was unanimously received as a Sister Church of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Moderators, Elders O. C. Mullis and C. M. Mills, were authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Nonis Haithcock, D. M. Hatley, Robert Horne, J. T. Simpson and Elder V. V. Willard.

Committee on Finance: Ellis Honeycutt, Sanford Medlin, Willie Hatley, A. E. Broom, D. M. Haithcock.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report.

C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard, O. C. Mullis and T. L. Webb, together with Deacons Lattie Baucom, T. F. Hill and W. S. Medlin formed a Presbytery and Ordained Brethren W. M. Nance and Leonard Baucom Deacons of Mills Chapel Church.

On June 24, 1944, by request of Bethel Church, Elders J. R. Wilson and C. M. Mills and Deacons W. T. Bell and Robert Horne formed a Presbytery and Ordained Brother R. O. Lewis a Deacon of Bethel Church.

6. Invited Messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and Churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Brethren D. A. Land and wife, L. J. Anderon and wife, and W. E. Carlton and wife.

Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, W. H. Oaks, J. D. Hopkins and F. F. Eggleston; Brethren W. H. Winn, F. E. Keatts, J. L. Wilson, J. J. Minter and J. H. Wilson.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. S. Stephenson, J. T. Lewis and Brethren R. F. Smith, J. D. Munday, Ralph Clifton, Darnie Stancil and M. N. Todd.

Little River of Georgia: Elder T. V. Mann.

South Arkansas: No intelligence.

Mt. Zion: Elder J. D. Putman.

Tennessee-Nolcachucky: Minutes.

Upper Canooche: Elder V. H. Hooks.

Friendship of Georgia Association: Sister Stone.

Original Towaliga: Elder Elzie Spier and Bro. T. G. Hartley.

Sequachie Valley: Minutes.

Spoons Creek Church: No intelligence.

Big Sandy, of Tennessee: Elder T. L. Webb.

Ministers and Brethren to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Silver Creek: Elder V. V. Willard and Minutes.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders C. M. Mills and S. F. Heath.

Dan River: Elders C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard and Brother Robert Horne.

Little River of Georgia: Elders C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

Mt. Zion: Elder V. V. Willard and Minutes.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Minutes and visitors if possible.

Sequachie Valley: Minutes and visitors if possible.

7. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Churches and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8. On motion Brother Robert Horne was appointed to write Corresponding Letter to be printed in the minutes of this Association.

9. On motion agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning, September 16th, at 9:45 o'clock, E. W. T.

Benediction by Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in the house at 9:45 o'clock, E. W. T. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Putnam, Boaz, Ala., Route 4, proceeded to business as follows:

10. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent in by churches and friends, $440.75.

11. On motion agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual.

12. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

13. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we hold the next session of the Association with Watson Church, Union County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September and continuing three days, and that the pastor of Watson Church preach the introductory sermon.

14. On motion, agreed that we have 1000 copies of this minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Brother Preston Helms superintend the printing and distributing same and that we allow him $45.00 for his services and printing.

15. By motion we agree all funds above $45.00 allowed for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16. By unanimous consent, the Association returns thanks to God for His mercy and the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this Association.

17. On motion the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder V. H. Hooks, Lexsy, Georgia.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder O. C. Mullis, Matthew 5:1-2

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder T. V. Mann. Failed to get text.
Elder J. D. Hopkins. Failed to get text.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder W. H. Oaks. II Corinthians 4:1-5.
Elder J. S. Stephenson. Colossians 3:1-4.

SATURDAY, P. M.

Elder J. D. Putnam. St. John 17:1-3.
Elder J. R. Wilson. Titus 2:11.
Elder T. L. Webb. St. John 3:16.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder J. T. Lewis. Mat. 28:17-20.
Elder V. H. Hooks. Ephesianus 2:1-2.
Elder E. D. Spier. II Timothy 2:16.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder V. V. Willard. Grieve Not the Holy Spirit.
Elder T. L. Webb. Great Is God.

NOTE

This was indeed a good meeting with much love, peace and sweet fellowship manifested.

Five states, including our own, were represented. The visiting ministers all came bearing messages of great joy. They were wonderfully blessed; the church was comforted and edified. God was given all the honor and glory.

Brethren and sisters, we feel that we love you all for Christ's sake, and we earnestly ask you to come often and visit and worship with us.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, R-1, Box 124, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elder S. F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder T. L. Webb, Milan, Tenn.
Elder V. H. Hooks, Lexsy, Ga.
Elder T. V. Mann, 1555 Montreat Place, S. W. Atlanta, Ga.
Elder E. D. Spier, Conley, Ga.
Elder J. D. Putnam, Boaz, Alabama, R-4.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Angier, N. C.
Elder W. H. Oaks, Dryfork, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Schoolfield, Va.
Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.
Elder F. F. Eggleston, Martinsville, ,Va.

FINANCIAL

Handed in by churches	$340.75
Handed in by friends	$100.00
TOTAL	$440.75
Allowed for printing and mailing and clerk's fee	$ 45.00
Distributed to ministers	$395.75
TOTAL	$440.75

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Messengers and Churches and all the brethren composing the Original Bear Creek Association, and our brethren from Corresponding Associations, Greetings.

Through the great and tender love of our dear Saviour, we have been blessed to meet again in an associated body and are thankful that sweet love and peace abounds. All seem satisfied with the dear principles set forth in the Bible. Each minister that has preached, has manifested true love for the Master's cause. We are indeed thankful to have with us several ministers from other

States and Associations, whom we love for the truth's sake. We pray God's blessings to continue with them and us, throughout the meeting. We thank the Lord that our ministers are laboring together in love; not trying to destroy one another but esteeming one another better than themselves. This makes us feel that the Dear Master is still remembering and caring for the dear old church and will finally present it to the Father in a glorified state where there will be no sad farewells.

We wish to continue to correspond with our churches and Association, who are in love with us and welcome them to visit us as often as they can.

We pray the Lord to continue His blessings through this meeting and for a parting blessing at the close of this session. We trust in His grace we will meet again next year and after awhile in that great city whose maker and builder is God.

Submitted in Love,

J. ROBERT HORNE.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace

and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any quetion of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Assiciation, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESS	Rev. by Exp. and Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Relation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Sunday Of Meeting
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, R-1, Box 124,..... Charlotte, N. C.	Preston Helms, R-2, Marshville, N. C..	1		1	1				31	4	$ 14.00
Pleasant Grove..	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	A. E. Broom, R-2, Marshville, N. C....		1			7	2	3	55	2	$ 34.25
High Hill.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va...	M. C. Mills, R-2,,Monroe, N. C.....								51	1	$ 36.00
Union Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	F. L. Baucom, R-3, Monroe, N. C.....	4			1	3			95	2	$ 52.00
Mountain Creek.	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Isabel Hathcock, Stanfield, N. C.....							1	22	3	$ 22.00
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Ellis Honeycutt, Oakboro, N. C.....						3		68	1	$ 30.00
Lawyer's Spring..	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va...	Robert Horne, Peachland, N. C.....	2						3	75	1	$ 35.00
Union.....	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, V	W. R. Coley, 54 Woodrow Avenue,.... Belmont, N. C.						2		26	3	$ 10.00
Bethel.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	16			1		2	1	47	4	$ 9.00
High Point.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	H. M. Willard, Marble Street,..... Winston-Salem, N. C.	6	1	1		3		2	102	4	$ 43.50
Pleasant Hill.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	W. E. Lucas, 1221 Northwood St.,..... Greensboro, N. C.	10							17	3	$ 17.00
Mills Chapel.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	C. J. Mullis, Kannapolis, N. C.....		1	1					14	3	$ 10.00
Meadow Creek...	Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.	R. M. Hatley, Oakboro, N. C.....					1		1	37	1	$ 28.00
		Contributed By Friends.....										$100.00
		TOTALS.....	39	3	3	3	14	9	11	640		$440.75

The one hundred and thirteenth session will convene with Watson Church, Union County, N. C., beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September 1945 and continue through Saturday and Sunday.